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1. (C) REACTION TO SCOWCROFT-EAGLEBURGER MISSION (LKR)

CHINESE ACTIONS THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGING.
ANTI-AMERICAN RHETORIC IN THE PRC MEDIA HAS VIRTUALLY
CEASED. XINHUA NOW REFERS TO FANG LIZHI'S PRESENCE IN
THE EMBASSY AS "INAPPROPRIATE," A VASTLY MILD
FORMULATION THAN PREVIOUSLY USED. AN MFA STATEMENT ON

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MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CHRISTMAS

RECESS TO VISIT POSTS IN CHINA AND HONG KONG. DURING A
VISIT TO HONG KONG FROM DECEMBER 3 TO 6, CONGRESSMAN
PORTER CONCENTRATED ON THE ISSUE OF CONFIDENCE IN HONG
KONG AFTER 1997. HE EMPHASIZED THE INTERNATIONAL SAFETY
NET WHICH HE AND CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ HAVE PROPOSED IN
THEIR CO-SPONSORED RESOLUTION AND EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN
REGARDING THE FORCED REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT

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PEOPLE.

FOLLOWING THREE DAYS IN HONG KONG, CONGRESSMAN FEIGHAN
MET WITH OFFICIALS IN BEIJING AND SHANGHAI DURING HIS
DECEMBER 6-10 VISIT TO CHINA, THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL
VISIT SINCE THE SUMMER. AT MEETINGS IN BEIJING WITH THE
NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (NPC), THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND
TRADE, AND THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, FEIGHAN HEARD
CHINESE LEADERS UNDERLINE CHINA'S COMMITMENT TO REFORM
AND OPENING TO THE WEST AS WELL AS ITS CONTINUED INTEREST
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. IN
SHANGHAI, FEIGHAN MET WITH CATHOLIC BISHOP JIN LUXIAN AND
DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC
RELATIONS WITH VICE MAYOR LIU ZHENYUAN. DESPITE THE
GENERALLY CORDIAL TONE OF HIS MEETINGS, AT THE NPC IN
BEIJING AND THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS IN SHANGHAI FEIGHAN HEARD BLUNT CRITICISM OF
CONGRESSIONAL "INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

CONGRESSMAN DYMALLY IS VISITING HONG KONG, JAPAN, KOREA,
AND TAIWAN FROM DECEMBER 10 THROUGH 21. CONGRESSMAN
MADIGAN PLANS TO TRAVEL TO HONG KONG, SINGAPORE AND
THAILAND JANUARY 3 THROUGH 13. CONGRESSMAN RANGEL,
CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS, WILL VISIT
HONG KONG ON JANUARY 7 THROUGH 9, IN ADDITION TO KOREA,
THAILAND, AND LAOS, FOCUSING ON NARCOTICS ISSUES. EAGLEBURGER

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MISSILE SALES WAS SIMILAR TO, BUT SIGNIFICANTLY MORE SPECIFIC THAN, ONE ISSUED IN NOVEMBER. THE MFA ALSO AGREED THURSDAY TO ACCREDIT THE NEW VOA BUREAU CHIEF, WHOSE APPLICATION HAD BEEN PENDING SINCE SEPTEMBER. THE EMBASSY'S ACTING PAO HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE STATE

EDUCATION COMMISSION FRIDAY TO DISCUSS THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM.

MEDIA REACTION IN THE U.S. TO THE SCOWCROFT-EAGLEBURGER MISSION HAS BEEN GENERALLY NEGATIVE AND FREQUENTLY SCATHING, THOUGH WE HAVE GOTTEN SOME USEFUL SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF LETTERS AND OP-ED PIECES FROM CONGRESSMAN LEACH, MIKE OKSENBERG, AND DOAK BARNETT AMONG OTHERS. CHINA IS CLEARLY AN INCREASINGLY PARTISAN ISSUE.

2. (C) VICE MINISTER'S MEETING ON SATELLITE LICENSING

(LK)

THE SATELLITE LICENSING QUESTION HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH SPECULATION IN NEWS REPORTS AND OP-ED PIECES. THE WASHINGTON TIMES CARRIED A LENGTHY REPORT, INDICATING AMONG OTHER THINGS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO ISSUE THE LICENSES ON DECEMBER 15. THE NEWS REPORTS AND COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE BEEN GENERALLY NEGATIVE ON THE LICENSING OF SATELLITES FOR CHINA, WITH OPPOSITION LINKED TO BOTH CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHINESE MISSILE-SALES POLICY.

3. (LOU) CODELS IN HONG KONG AND PRC (BJE AND JK)
